

NSC BRIEFING

9 March 1955

Background - Communist violations
of the Armistice in Korea

- I. Since the armistice on 27 July 1953, the Communists in Korea have violated the terms of the agreement in relation to ground, air and naval forces, political subversion in South Korea, and retention of UN Command prisoners of war.
- II. Ground Force Violations
 - A. NNITs in North Korea restricted to five ports of entry - Sinuiju, Manpojin, Sinanju, Chongjin and Hungnam. Several rail lines from Manchuria bypass these points permitting unsupervised introduction of military traffic.
 - B. Even at ports of entry NNITs restricted in movement and permitted inspect only limited areas and for limited periods. Example; Manpojin team delayed until 20 Aug 53. Notified that two trains pass through daily. Actual movement increased from 4 to 24 trains daily, contents of which teams were not permitted to inspect. At one site team has observed military traffic including armor entering from Manchuria over bridge which is outside jurisdiction permitted it. Rail by-pass of city reported at Chongjin.

NSA Declassification/Release Instructions on File.

III. Air Force Violations:

- A. At the time of the Armistice no major air combat formations were operating from North Korean air bases. Of North Korean airfields, only Uiju was partly serviceable.
- B. The North Korean MIG pilot who defected to South Korea on 21 Sept 53, stated that approximately 200 aircraft, including 100 MIG-15s, had been moved into North Korea in crates prior to the armistice. He also stated that some MIG-15s and 10 Il-10s had been flown or shipped into North Korea after the armistice and during August.
- C. At the time FEAF reported that it possessed no information with which to substantiate a major violation of the armistice by the Communists prior to the defector's interrogation.
- D. Since the armistice the Communists have rushed completion of repair on at least 16 military airbases under the pretense of rehabilitating civilian airfields, which is permitted by the armistice.
- E. As charged by the United States delegate to UNCMAC, the Communists have never reported to the NNSC the introduction or departure of any aircraft, nor the movement of spare parts, fuel or ammunition for the many aircraft which we know to be operating in North Korea.

~~TOP SECRET~~
- 3 -

IV. Naval Violations:


25X1D
NSA

A. 

1. Laying of mines in the water off the west coast.
2. Presence of submarines at Wonsan and possibly Chinnampo.
3. Construction of light armored patrol vessels at northeast coastal ports.

V. Political Subversion:

25X1D
NSA

- A. Infiltration of North Korean agents into South Korea for espionage and clandestine activity including political subversion, has increased since the armistice. 

25X1D
NSA

B. 

- C. Widespread delivery of the North Korean "peace appear" in South Korea, urging resolution of

~~TOP SECRET~~

-4-

Koreans themselves, attests to the existence and effectiveness of the North Korean subversive apparatus in South Korea.

VI. Violation by retention of UNC prisoners of war:

A.

25X1D

NSA



probably Korean, however. Retention of UNC airmen is well recorded.

THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS CODE WORD MATERIAL